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Sermon Outline

“Responding to the Gospel: Lessons from ‘Jewish Rejection and Gentile Joy’”\*  
*Acts 13:42-52*

Big Question: What will we do with God’s Word and Gospel; gladly accept or sadly reject?

1. Gentile joy: the marks of glad acceptance that continues in grace (vv. 42-44, 48-49, 51-52)

* the lessons learned from the glad acceptance of the Gentiles
  + continuing in the grace of God and honoring the Word of the Lord (vv. 42-43, 48)
* the lessons learned from the glad acceptance of Paul and Barnabas
  + enduring boldness and resilient joy in the face of rejection and persecution (vv. 46-47, 51-52)
* the ways in which our Lord works in glad acceptance
  + The Lord appoints unto eternal life and spreads his Word through the region. (vv. 48-49)

1. Jewish rejection: the marks of sad rejection of the grace in which we are to continue (vv. 45-47, 50)

* Beware of the danger of progressive rejection that moves from the covertly internal to the overtly external! (vv. 45-47, 50)

\*Title based on wording in Dennis E. Johnson’s *Let’s Study Acts*.